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## Food Vehicle Permit Checklist:

- Review Mobile Food Vehicle Vendor Requirements and ensure you are compliant with all applicable requirements.
- Complete Fire Prevention Permit application and return to the Grand Blanc Fire Department. You will then receive a temporary permit which will allow you to go forward to receive your permit with the city.
- Prior to operating your food vehicle in Grand Blanc, you must contact the Grand Blanc Fire Department to inspect your vehicle. You may schedule a time to come to the fire department for your inspection or you may have your vehicle inspected on your first day of operation in Grand Blanc. If you are being inspected on your first day, please **schedule an appointment** at least **one hour prior** to when you plan to begin cooking. When your inspection is complete you will receive a sticker that will indicate you are cleared by the fire department for operation.

Submit the Seamless Doc or Mail application to:  
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## **Mobile Food Vehicle Vendor Requirements**

**The purpose of this guide is to establish the responsibilities for the vendors and the Grand Blanc Fire Department. The guide provides information regarding the fire and life safety regulations that will be enforced.**

**Our intent is to provide a safe environment for the businesses in the community, as well as for the residents**

**The Grand Blanc Fire Department views these events as a team effort. With the willingness and efforts on the part of all of the team members, a safe and enjoyable event will occur.**

**All vendors must be aware that the fire inspector will inspect the site prior to the opening of the festival/event. All of the items contained herein are the responsibility of the vendor and must be in place, or the vendor will not be allowed to open for business. Once an inspection has been completed and the vendor has met all requirements, the vendor will be issued a sticker that must be displayed on the vehicle near the checkout area in a visible location, such as on a window or exterior. The sticker will be good for the course of the calendar year and will serve as notification that the vendor has been approved by the Grand Blanc Fire Department.**

**Onsite spot inspections will be performed by the fire department to verify compliance is still met throughout the course of the year at events held within the Grand Blanc area. If during the course of the event an onsite inspection determines that there is a violation, the vendor's business is closed until the proper corrective measures have taken place and passes a re-inspection by the fire inspector or a designee.**



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### **Site Requirements: International Fire Code 2009 Edition**

- A minimum of 3ft clear space shall be maintained around the circumference of fire hydrants
- Emergency vehicle access shall be maintained at all times
- Minimum clearance of at least 10 feet maintained between buildings, structures, vehicles, and any combustible materials.
- Unobstructed means of egress in the event of an emergency shall be maintained at all times
- Site plan must be submitted
  - Site plan must include location of egress routes, fire department access, and location of tents/membrane structures with sizes, generator locations, and placement of vendors

### **LP – Gas: International Fire Code 2009 Edition/NFPA 58**

- LP-Gas containers safety release valves shall be pointed away from the structure
- LP-gas containers, piping, hoses, valves and fittings shall be adequately protected to prevent tampering, damage by vehicles or other hazards.
- LP-gas containers shall be securely fastened in the upright position to prevent from being tipped over. Containers shall be fastened securely by chain or ratchet strap to a stake driven into the ground or an immovable object. Bungee cords are NOT allowed to secure containers.
- LP-Gas containers shall be free of damage/rust and hydro tested every 12 years.
- LP-Gas containers between 4 and 40 lbs. shall have an overfill protection device. LP-Gas containers over 100 lbs. shall not be used.
- Hoses and regulators shall be in good condition.
- Hoses shall not be in emergency egress pathways and shall not create a trip hazard.
- Main shutoff valve on LP-Gas containers shall be readily accessible

### **Solid Fuels (Wood, Charcoal, or Other Solid Fuels): International Fire Code 2009 Edition/NFPA 96**

- Fuels not stored within 3 feet of any cooking appliance
- Fuels shall not be stored in the path of egress
- Ash, cinders, and other fire debris should be removed from the firebox at regular intervals or once a day.
- Ashes, cinders, and other fire debris shall be removed and placed in a closed, metal container and removed from the Mobile Food Vehicle.



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## **Mobile Canteens and Cooking Trailers Fire Protection: International Fire Code 2009 Edition**

- All cooking operations producing grease-laden vapors shall be equipped with a ventilating hood, duct, and automatic fire suppression system.
  - Dry chemical extinguishing systems shall be maintained and inspected semiannually as per NFPA 17
  - Wet chemical extinguishing systems shall be maintained and inspected semiannually as per NFPA 17A
  - Hoods, fans, and filters shall be cleaned at intervals as required by International Fire Code.
- Cooking equipment, including the cooking ventilation system, shall be cleaned regular removing grease.
- Cooking equipment shall not be left unattended while cooking or still hot.

## **Fire Extinguishers: International Fire Code 2009 Edition and NFPA 10**

- Extinguishers shall be located in an area that is visible and easily accessible for use
- All employees working shall be trained in proper use of the fire extinguishers
- Extinguishers shall have a current inspection tag validated within the past 12 months or a receipt of purchase within the last 12 months shall be available for inspection
- All cooking vendors shall supply their own fire extinguishers
- All business using a generator or propane tanks shall have a working 2lb ABC fire extinguisher on hand.
- Tents/membrane structures shall have a 5lb. ABC fire extinguisher located every 75 feet
- Class K portable fire extinguishers are required for cooking with vegetable or animal oils and fats
- Class K portable fire extinguishers shall be within 30 feet of cooking equipment.
- Class K portable fire extinguishers are required for cooking with solid fuel
- Class K portable fire extinguishers are required for deep fat fryers



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## **Generators: International Fire Code 2009 Edition/National Electrical Code**

- Generators must be U.L. listed with tags on unit
- Generators shall be isolated from contact with the public by fencing, enclosure or other approved means.
- Electrical permits may be required by local jurisdiction for temporary wiring
- Distribution boxes must be commercial type with rating labels
- Unmodified cables between distribution boxes and generators are required
- All commercial generators must be grounded with a six gauge copper wire terminated to an 8-foot copper rod driven into the ground. Electrical inspector for local jurisdiction and Grand Blanc Fire Department must approve alternatives to this ground.
- Small portable generators must only be located on the ground unless other means of grounding is required by electrical inspector
- All connections must be ground fault protected
- Whenever commercial generators are to be used at an event, a Fire Inspector or his designee and Electrical Inspector for local jurisdiction shall perform a safety inspection prior to use.
- Portable generators shall be cable running continually, without refueling, for the entire lengths of the event as long as the event is open to the public. Refueling of a hot portable generator shall not be permitted. Exception – Fire Inspector or his designee present before it may be started and used.
- Refueling shall only be conducted during non-operating hours and the generator is not running.
- Surface of generator shall be cool to touch prior to refueling.

## **Electrical/Extension Cords: International Fire Code 2009 Edition/National Electric Code**

- Electrical permit for temporary wiring may be required by local jurisdiction
- Extension cords shall be plugged directly into an approved receptacle
- Extension cords shall serve only one portable appliance.
- No “pigtailed”, splicing, or “daisy chaining” is allowed
- Extension cords shall not be less than the rated capacity of the portable appliance supplied by the cord
- Extension cords shall be maintained in good condition without splices, deterioration or damage
- Extension cords shall be ground when serving grounded portable appliances
- Open junction boxes and open-wiring splices are prohibited. Approved covers shall be provided for all switch and electrical boxes
- Power cords shall be protected from physical damage and from becoming a tripping hazard. Where this may occur, power cords shall be installed and/or run through a PVC conduit or commercial wire chase. Use of carpets, tape or equivalent is prohibited.
- Electrical receptacles shall be ground fault protected
- All connections shall be of weather tight protection from rain and water
- All electrical cords shall be U.L. listed and rated for outdoor use. **NO HOUSEHOLD OR NON-WEATHER TIGHT POWER CORDS OR ELECTRICAL OUTLETS WILL BE PERMITTED.** All electric wiring and devices shall comply with the National Electrical Code.